PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: A8166

Anastasios TOUSIMIS, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/002,212

Group Art Unit: 3749

Confirmation No.: 5650

Examiner: Camtu Tran NGUYEN

Filed: December 5, 2001

A HOLDER FOR USE IN SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE MANUFACTURING AND

BIO-MEDICAL SAMPLE PROCESSING

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT.

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated July 29, 2003, in which the Examiner has required an election, Applicants respond by electing Species 2, Figures 13D-13E, which is readable on at least claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 17 and 21. Prompt and favorable action on claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 17 and 21 is now respectfully requested.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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